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Dear J.B.,

What I heard from Jerry today is so unreal and so misrepresentative I feel I should send you a carbon, as I do of the letter I wrote him early this morning. I do not want him misrepresenting it to you and I do think you should know the rest as it relates to what he told me for the first time. I did tell him I was sending you a copy of the previous letter so now he says I send you all our correspondence! This and the other things he says makes me wonder if he, too, is stir bugs.

After I wrote him Jim Lesar phoned me about another matter. In the course of the conversation he told me about a story in the Washington Star of several days ago, an interview with Sprague. As it relates to the King assassination it can relate to Jerry only. Jim thought at first it related to Jimmy. But when Sprague is talking about making people talk by giving them immunity, since they can't give Jimmy the death sentence and when he is doing 99 years there is no meaning in any immunity grant to him to circumvent the Fifth Amendment.

The interview was with one Jeremiah O'Leary. You may remember that the FBI leaked much poison to him and he wrote about it in the Readers Digest. Jimmy was upset by it. O'Leary is one of the reporters who also worked for the CIA. He appears to have and his paper for years had a cozy relationship with the FBI and with Hoover personally.

While he is not clear on it Jerry seems to have spoken to and written the House committee.

He has had several conversations with Lane, long ones. Lane conned him easily, most by playing up to him over McMillan. There is no way I can explain this to you. I did warn him long ago. I did tell Jim Lesar and he did warn Jimmy about the Lane/Freed gang, long ago. Jimmy paid no attention. He engaged in a correspondence with Freed and saw Lane, who promptly used the fact that he saw him to promote himself on the air and in writing. Lane has even told Lesar that Jimmy engaged Lane to be his lawyer. He did this in writing. I did tell Jerry about the attempt with the Tennesseean before it was killed, that long ago. That is not the only such effort but I thought if he knew of one it should be enough. Even when you confirmed part of it to him - he told me at the time - he still goes off on something like this, and Jimmy too?

After we spoke the other day my wife told me I had been speaking too loudly. I'm sorry. It is that these insanities do upset me and undo much work. It was this, not you, that is responsible.

With Jerry I do not hide it. You will see that I write him as it is in the old southern story about the jackass and the 2x4. From my experiences the probabilities of getting through are better with the jackass.

Sincerely,